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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated May 21, 2002 (application Paper No. 2),  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) An apparatus for initializing a series of electronic voting  
transactions, comprising:

- B1*
- a. a processor; and
  - b. a memory storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to,
    - i. receive a voter registration request message that atomically binds  
vote authorization data and a blinded unvalidated vote certificate to  
be validated;
    - ii. determine if the vote authorization data is valid;